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I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

1. A joint FBI-Services Branch team is enroute to Cyprus to acquire a site for a monitoring station and to begin construction. Required equipment is in process of procurement.

2. Decision in regard to the location of the FBI Far East monitoring station awaits State Department opinion, to be rendered through SANAC by mid-February, of the possibility of post-treaty rights for such a station at Sasebo, Japan. The Chief, FBI, is inspecting the FBI Kamai and Tokyo bureaus and prospective Far East sites.

3. A reasonably firm date for beginning monitoring operations at Redwood, California may now be stated as 18 April 1948. Transfer of the staff and equipment from Portland, Oregon will be done piecemeal to avoid interruption of broadcast coverage, and will be completed by 15 May 1948.

4. The Executive for Administration and Management has instructed FBI to discontinue central filing of unpublished broadcast intercepts as being of insufficient value to warrant the operation.

5. On the instructions of the Deputy Director, the unclassified Daily Report now carries a request to radio and press representatives to avoid mention of CIA or FBI in using broadcast material.

II. Accomplishment of overall mission, including firmly established individual objectives.

1. Appreciable progress has been made in improving operational liaison at the area-desk level between FBI and member agency recipients of FBI material. It is expected that this development will continue and will increase the effectiveness of the FBI operation.

2. With recent increases in power of European transmitters and improvements in FBI equipment, FBI has been able to assume at its own field stations coverage of many broadcasts for which it formerly depended upon BBC. This reallocation of coverage has been found to result in a greater volume and better selection of material available for publication, particularly from eastern European transmitters.

3. London Bureau has initiated a daily roundup of Soviet satellite broadcasts to accompany its roundups of Soviet broadcasts and of radio comment on German and Austrian affairs. For the present, the new survey is transmitted only to Washington for inclusion in the restricted Daily Report.

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